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SUBJECT: US-USSR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS: 23 OCTOBER MEETING OF
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES: REQUESTED SUGGESTIONS III: NUMBERING
SYSTEM FOR AGREEMENTS

REF: A) ROOT/SCIOFF TELCON OF 15 OCTOBER, B) MOSCOW 15133,
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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT BETTER COMMUNICATIONS AND OPERATIONAL
MANAGEMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE US-USSR AGREEMENTS BY
ASSIGNING A NUMBERING SYSTEM TO AGREEMENTS AND SUBSECTIONS.

A NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR AGREEMENTS WOULD ALLOW:

- 1) REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC GROUPS IN VISA MESSAGES, ALLOWING SPEEDIER
VERIFICATION FOR CLEARANCE,
2. CLEARER ADDRESSING OF MESSAGES,
- 3) EASIER ORGANIZATION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INCLUDING BOTH
FILING AND COMPUTER-BASED SYSTEMS,
- 4) ELIMINATION OF INEXACTNESS IN TRANSLATION (SOME SUB-AREAS HAVE
DIFFERENT TITLES IN RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH), AND PROBLEMS CAUSED
THEREBY.

2. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES CONSIDER
IMPLEMENTING NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR AGREEMENTS AND SUBSECTIONS. FOR
MAXIMUM EFFICACY, EMBASSY BELIEVES SYSTEM SHOULD BE:

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A. CONSISTENT IN FORM THROUGHOUT US-USSR AGREEMENTS.

B) USEFUL FOR BOTH US AND SOVIET SIDES (AND THEREFORE
CONTAIN ONLY ARABIC NUMBERS, SINCE ALPHABETS ARE DIFFERENT).
(FYI: SCST USA SECTION HEAD AYKAZYAN HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED
IN PRINCIPLE IDEA OF NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR SCST-RUN AGREEMENTS.)

3. WHILE DECISION ON SYSTEM THAT WOULD BE USED DEPENDS
ENTIRELY ON EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES, EMBASSY NOTES THAT SCICOUNS
HAS DEVELOPED SYSTEM FOR USE HERE. THIS SYSTEM ALLOWS POINTS 2A
AND 2 B ABOVE, AS WELL AS INSTANT RECOGNITION OF LEVEL OF GROUP
(REFERENCE NUMBERS FOR JOINT COMMITTEES ARE DIFFERENT IN FORM
FROM WORKING GROUPS, ETC.) FACILE PARALLELIZATION BETWEEN US
AND SOVIET COUNTERPARTS, AND SYSTEM COMPUTERIZATION. SCICOUNS
PLANS BE IN WASHINGTON EARLY NOVEMBER FOR CONSULTATIONS AND WOULD
BE PLEASED EXPLAIN EMBASSY MOSCOW SYSTEM, WHICH, WITH APPROPRIATE
ALTERATION AND AGREEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES, MIGHT BE USED
THROUGHOUT AGREEMENTS BY BOTH US AND SOVIET
SIDES (FYI. US-USSR HOUSING AGREEMENT IS ALREADY USING THIS
NUMBERING SYSTEM.)
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